GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PICTORIAL WARNING ON JUNK FOOD PACKETS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to print statutory warning on the packets of the junk food in view of its adverse effect on health;

(b) if so, the time frame by which the packets are likely to carry the statutory warning; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to print any statutory warning on the packets of junk food. Government is making efforts to discourage consumption of junk foods including carbonated beverages and make people aware of nutritious and healthy foods.

The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare has written to Health Ministers of all States & UTs and Union Minister of Human Resource Development to consider issuing instructions for withdrawal of junk food and carbonated drinks from school and college canteens. Letters have also been written to Chief Ministers of all States & UTs to seriously consider issuing instructions to the Vice Chancellors of all Universities including Medical and Agricultural Universities of their respective States for withdrawal of junk food and carbonated drinks from canteens of educational institutes.